

There had been planted, and was rapidly developing a civilization which, in the opinion of one of the very greatest of men, was to become first the dominating and then the final civilization of mankind. I remember to have read in the very *North American Review* to which reference has been made, an article signed by Mr. Gladstone, in which having taken, as it were for his text, a quotation from Horace: "O matre pulchra filia pulchrior!" the daughter being the United States and the mother England; he contended, with his usual power, (1) that Anglo-Saxon civilization would dominate the world and become the final civilization of mankind, and (2) that it would be the civilization, not of the mother (England), but of the daughter (the United States), having his eye, of course, fixed upon New England civilization; for Mr. Gladstone, like many of the greatest and best of the world, has been profoundly prejudiced, as I have heard, against our Southern people.

From such a civilization, which was about to produce some of the very greatest and the very best of mankind; among them Webster the great, who, among the sublime intellectualities of the world, has always seemed to me like Niagara among the cataracts; the two Everetts; William Ellery Channing, who, although he doubted the divinity of his Saviour, nevertheless, in his sweet-souled piety, in his transcendental spirituality, was so like the disciple whom "Jesus loved," that I have never been able to think of him except as resting upon his Master's bosom; and Bryant, the greatest of all American poets, one of whose batteries, which at one time made the concave resonant with its thunders against the Southern people, I shall hope to have this night turned upon his surviving comrades: